

REMARKS

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner George for the interview of 25 July 2002 ("Interview"). Reconsideration of this application as amended herewith is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claim 10 and claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over U.S. Patent 5,891,427 to Mettler ("Mettler") and rejected claims 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,244,265 to Cronk et al. ("Cronk"). New claims 16-29 were added. Claims 10, 11, and 13-15 and 16-29 remain pending after entry of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 16 – 29 were added to further highlight patentable features of the present invention. Support for claims may be found in the Specification as originally filed, for example, at page 7, lines 4 – 12 and page 5, lines 32 – 35, and as such do not introduce new matter into the application. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the claims added. The attached page is captioned 'Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.'

The Rejection of Claims 10 and 11 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) Over Mettler Has Been Overcome

Claims 10 to 11 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) over Mettler. Applicants respectfully disagree from the reasons that follow.

As set forth in the Interview Summary, Mettler neither discloses nor suggests a "method of soothing." Applicants further respectfully submit that Mettler also fails to disclose or suggest the use of "sensory fragrance[s]" "capable of reducing the cortisol level of the mammal by about 0.1 to about 75% and/or increasing the sIgA level of the mammal by about 1% to about 150%." In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 10 has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

On the same grounds, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 11, which is dependent upon claim 10 and includes all of its limitations therein, under 35 USC §102(e) over Mettler has also been overcome and should be withdrawn.

**The Rejection of Claims 13 - 15 under
35 USC §103(a) Over Cronk et al. Has Been Overcome**

Claims 13 to 15 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) over Cronk. Applicants respectfully disagree for the reasons that follow.

As set forth in the Interview Summary, "Cronk is drawn to a medical device [and] not a personal care composition." Applicants further respectfully submit that Cronk does not disclose or suggest a "sensory fragrance" that "comprises one or more members of the group consisting of chamomile, rose, orange, tuberose, sandalwood, lavender, cedarwood, bergamot, and benzoin resin, and wherein the personal care composition is capable of reducing the cortisol level in a mammal by about 0.1 to about 75% and/or increasing the sIgA level in the human by about 10% to about 150%". In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 13 and claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cronk has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

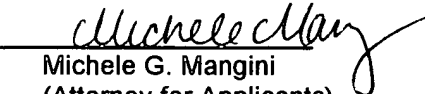
Applicants further respectfully submit that Cronk does not disclose or suggest a "sensory fragrance" "comprised of, based upon the total weight of the sensory fragrance, from about 3% to about 7% of essential oils and from about 93% to about 97% of an odoriferous portion containing benzenoid materials, alcohol materials, ester materials, aldehyde materials, ketone materials, and mixtures thereof." For these additional reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cronk has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

On the same grounds, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 15, which depends upon claim 14 and includes all of its limitations therein, under 35 USC §103(a) over Cronk has also been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is submitted that the foregoing amendments and remarks place the case in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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The following claims were added:

- 16. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the mammal is a child. --
- 17. (New) The method of claim 16 wherein the child has an age from about 1 day to about 2 years. --
- 18. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the personal care composition is a shampoo. --
- 19. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the personal care composition is a wash or bath. --
- 20. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the personal care composition is a powder. --
- 21. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the personal care composition is a lotion. --
- 22. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein the personal care composition is a wipe. --
- 23. (New) The personal care composition of claim 13 wherein the mammal is a child. --
- 24. (New) The personal care composition of claim 23 wherein the child has an age from about 1 day to about 2 years. --
- 25. (New) The personal care composition of claim 13 wherein the personal care composition is a shampoo. --
- 26. (New) The personal care composition of claim 13 wherein the personal care composition is a wash or bath. --
- 27. (New) The personal care composition of claim 13 wherein the personal care composition is a powder. --

-- 28. (New) The personal care composition of claim 13 wherein the personal care composition is a lotion. --

-- 29. (New) The personal care composition of claim 13 wherein the personal care composition is a wipe. --